

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

Office of the Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral Anderson

SUBJECT: Aspects of the Sino-Soviet Situation

1. The attached Memorandum and its Annex deal with questions which you have passed to the Director or which you have raised in conversation with members of the Office of National Estimates.

2. Specifically, the Annex is responsive to your request for information on the Chinese strategic threat to the USSR. As indicated in the Memorandum,

3. We still have in process the NIE on Soviet Policy in Asia which will deal with the question of the likelihood of a Sino-Soviet war, its possible forms, and possible outcomes. The attached Memorandum is an interim CIA view, not coordinated with other agencies, on how the USSR currently views the option of military action against China.

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Attachment: